

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
July 25, 2017**

PRESENT: Maureen Lyons, Allan Thoreson, Megan Bell, Judy Lindholm, Ronnie Manis, Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy **Absent:** Leah Mattox, Bob Untiedt

Vice-president, Megan Bell, called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

JUNE 27, 2017 MINUTES: The minutes of the June 27, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

OPERATING BILLS: Sarah mentioned that she's unsure if the savings from the new LED lights has been shown on the Alliant bill. The end of the fiscal year was June 30 and the library spent almost its entire budget. It was moved/seconded (Thoreson/Lyons) to approve the bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

--*Library Logo:* the chosen logo will be all-purpose and will replace the logo on our website, letterhead and name badges. It was suggested to ask the logo designer to choose brighter colors.

NEW BUSINESS:

--*Election of Officers:* It was moved/seconded (Lyons/Thoreson) that the current officers be elected to another term: Leah Mattox, president; Megan Bell, vice-president and Judy Lindholm, secretary. The motion was unanimously approved. Allan Thoreson has agreed to serve another term as a Board Trustee. Sarah will notify the mayor.

--*Trustee self-assessment:* This activity was postponed until August when all board members are present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

--*"Odilo"*--Odilo is a provider of eBooks to libraries and our library is going to use them to provide Spanish materials. It is a patron-driven product and users can choose from novels, self-help, cooking, etc. Fees will be taken from an initial deposit of \$3500.

--*Summer Activities* for both kids and adults are going well! Large attendance numbers have been recorded for various events. We are a lunch site on Wednesdays and Thursdays and the school district also provides snacks.

--*"Small Talk"*-- In September we will participate in an Iowa State program, "Small Talk," that records sounds—not conversations—of the interaction between babies and their parents. Babies aged 0-30 months may be selected for this 13-week program.

--*An anonymous donor* has made a \$50,000 gift to the Friends of the Library. It's to be used over 5-7 years for the benefit of the community and to strengthen families and our diverse population. It is not to be used for salaries or building maintenance. An annual report will be given to the donor. The Friends of the Library will manage the fund.

--*The library will be a polling place* next Tuesday, August 1, for the election to redistribute the Local Option Sales Tax.

--*The library has been asked to participate in the "TIF Urban Renewal Downtown Plan."* The city has put together a list of projects that could use TIF funds. Included in the list is a multi-purpose room that would be added to the north side of the library. This plan will be discussed at the August 14 City Council meeting at 5:30pm. Board members are encouraged to attend.

--*Several end-of-year purchases* were made in June. Included: a podium that is easily moved, a Big Belly garbage container that is located on the south side of the building, several Play-Aways, more eBooks and more books, concrete work at the east entrance, painting of walls and carpet cleaning.

--*Michelle Hoover*, author of this year's "All Iowa Reads" book, Bottomland, will visit the library in the fall. Board members were asked if they thought an afternoon or evening presentation would attract the most people.

The next meeting date will be moved because several board members will be absent on August 22. Stay tuned!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.